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COMMUNISTS LEADING IN EARLY RETURNS OF FRENCH ELECTIONS BIDAULT'S PARTY RUNNING SECOND SOCIALISTS DROP BACK INTO FOURTH PLACE

PARIS, NOV. 10 (UP).—THE EXTREME LEFT AND EXTREME RIGHT ARE APPARENTLY GAINING GROUND AT THE EXPENSE OF THE MIDDLE POPULAR REPUBLICAN PARTY IN THE FRENCH ELECTIONS TO-DAY.

Early returns from scattered districts placed the Communists in the front with 25,525 votes out of 90,276. The Popular Republicans, led by Premier Bidault, who won the last elections, was to-day running second with 20,385 votes.

The Right-wing Republican Party showed most surprising strength with 17,662 votes, while the heretofore powerful Socialist Party is in the fourth place with 17,352 votes.

In bitterly cold and foggy weather this morning French men and women started straggling to the polls in the first normal republican election here since 1936.

They will decide the make-up of the new National Assembly of the Fourth Republic which is scheduled to run France for the next five years.

The number of registered voters is listed at 25,000,000, although only 75 per cent are expected to cast ballots to-day. Abstentions are believed inevitable partly through Frenchmen's fatigue over the recent constituent elections and partly in protest of the increasing complexities in the always muddled French political situation.

However, early reports from both the rich and poor districts of Paris showed a possible upset of the predicted heavy abstentions.

In the right bank worker's quarters, men and women were hanging around the polling booths before opening. Government clerks said they had seen many voting cards which had not been punched for the last three elections indicating that there were Frenchmen who were voting for the first time in the National Assembly election.

This may be due to the frenzied activity on the part of all parties to head the electorate to the polls.

AMERICAN ACCUSED AT TIRANA SABOTAGE TRIAL

Bolgrade, Nov. 10. (UP).—Mr Harry L. Fultz, member of the American mission in Albania, was mentioned in the opening sessions of the Tirana trial of alleged saboteurs as instigator of sabotage activity on the Lake Ohrid reclamation project in the Koritza district, near the Greek border.

Vasil Mano, technician on the project and one of the defendants in the trial gave testimony yesterday that the saboteurs received directive and money from Fultz.

Leader of the sabotage activity, which reportedly started in June this year, was Avdil Sharrri, who is also a defendant at the trial. Mano said his wife functioned as liaison between the group and Fultz and carried letters to Sharrri from Fultz. Mano reportedly further stated that Kujtim Begjri, successor to Sharrri on the reclamation project, received 200 gold Napoleons from Fultz.

Also implicated in the trial, according to official information, were two unidentified UNRRA employees who, it was alleged, brought a radio receiving and transmitting set to saboteurs on the project so that direct contact with Fultz could be established.

According to an Albanian diplomat here, Fultz first came to Albania as director of the Albanian Vocational School at Tirana about 20 years ago. The school, which had the financial support of wealthy Americans and a Scholarship Fund from the American Junior Red Cross was nationalized and placed under the Ministry of Education ten

The Hongkong Telegraph

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Jew Terrorists Blow Up Main Line Railway Station In Palestine

JERUSALEM, Nov. 10.—One British soldier was slightly injured when an explosion occurred 30 minutes after the Ras el Ein railway station, north of the main junction of Lydda, was evacuated to-day.

The military ordered evacuation following discovery of a number of suitcases marked "bombs, dangerous" in the waiting room of the station.

The damage has not yet been assessed. It was learned later that the main station building was completely destroyed and other buildings extensively damaged in the explosion, in which three British soldiers and one Arab are now stated to have been slightly injured.

It is authoritatively stated in Jerusalem that three Jews drove up to the station in a black van, entered the waiting room carrying suitcases and threatened a signalman, who challenged them, at pistol point. They made their getaway before the police and troops reached the scene.

The Ras el Ein station is on the main Haifa-Kantara line, linking Palestine with Egypt.

The Irgun Zvai Leumi broadcast to-night acknowledged responsibility for the bombing of the Ras el Ein station, declaring: "We succeeded in cutting communications between Palestine and Egypt."

Another broadcast by the terrorist organisation said: "No security measures in Britain, or in British embassies abroad, will prevent Irgun soldiers from reaching their goal."

Haganah circles said that although they genuinely dissociate themselves from the Irgun and Stern groups' policies of action they would not "degenerate into an internal struggle as long as damage from outside comes ever larger."

With the return to Jerusalem of Jamal Hussain, acting chairman of the Arab High Committee with other high-ranking members of the High Committee, it was understood here that the ground had been prepared in Lebanon for co-operation of the Palestine Arab Army's Nafada Futuwa plus youth organisations of the northern neighbours of Palestine.

Reuter and United Press.

Reign Of Terror In Bulgaria

Athens, Nov. 10 (UP).—Government reports from Serres state that Lieut Col Ivan Ivanoff Kologanoff, of the Bulgarian Army, surrendered to a Greek commander post at Belles Mountain and informed Greek Army officials of a reign of terror in Bulgaria in which more than 60,000 have been executed and 40,000 imprisoned and many exiled.

Col Ivanoff, who was said to be an important officer in the Bulgarian Ministry of War, told Army officials that as a result of the purge Bulgarian officers by the hundreds have been driven into the hills where they have formed resistance bands. He said that Gen Ivan Kiroff, chief of the Bulgarian General Staff, issued a confidential order for the arrest of all officers who have shown no sympathy for the Communist Party.

Col Ivanoff is en route to Athens via Salonika for questioning by the Ministry of War.

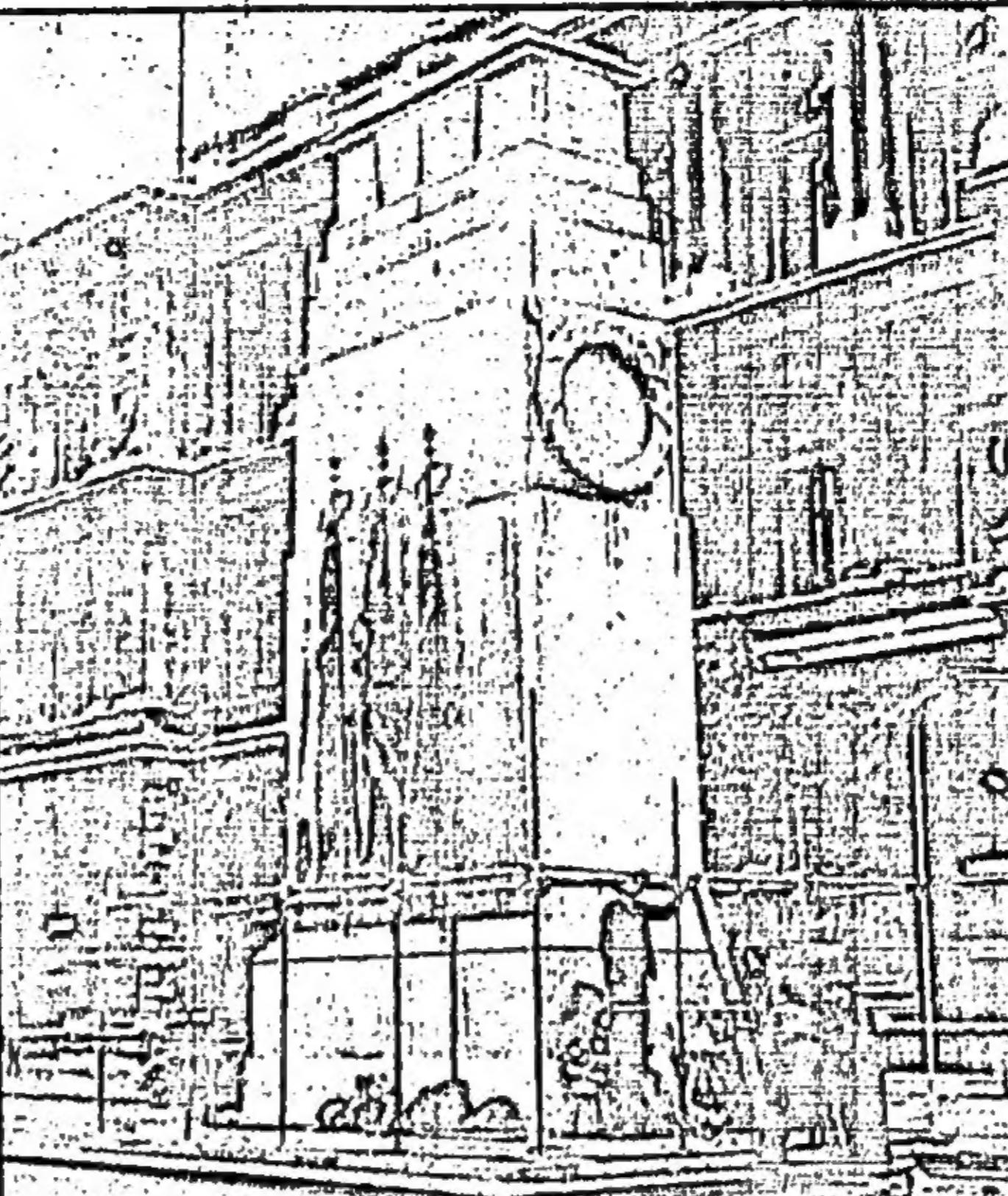
FIGHTING INTENSIFIED THROUGHOUT SHANTUNG

Nanking, Nov. 10 (UP).—Fighting intensified throughout Shantung Peninsula as the deadline for Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's cease-fire order neared and as the United States Presidential envoy, General George C. Marshall attempted to win Communist support to stop fighting.

Gen. Chou En-lai would take part in this three-man committee this afternoon to discuss the cease-fire order. The Generalissimo's order, which called upon his troops to stop fighting at noon on Monday unless attacked, would have little effect unless the Communists do likewise.

Meanwhile, strong pressure is being put on the Generalissimo by Gen. Marshall and Dr Lo Lung-chi, Democratic League leader, to postpone the National Assembly until the Political Consultative Council's steering committee invokes it.

LEST WE FORGET



Workmen erecting scaffolding round the Cenotaph in White-hall prior to the addition of an inscription to commemorate the dead of the 1939-45 war.

The King unveiled the inscription yesterday—Remembrance Day.

"Invasion" Of S California Begins To-Day

San Francisco, Nov. 10. (UP).—The first peacetime tripartite war games in the nation's history will get under way on Monday when a full United States infantry division sails from Olympia, Washington, to make an assault on an "enemy" who has "overrun" southern California and the southwestern states.

Thousands of troops of the Second Division will swarm ashore between Los Angeles and San Diego from landing craft covered by a thundering "bombardment" from units of the Pacific Fleet.

The Second Division are veterans of D-Day at Normandy, the drive across France from Brest to the Siegfried Line and the Battle of the Bulge.

After securing a beachhead, the Second Division will advance inland eight to ten miles over rugged coastal hills through defences prepared and manned by "enemy" troops. The penetration is expected to take four days. Simulated battle conditions will test for the first time the fighter group of P-51 jet-propelled aircraft. Airborne troops will also be employed on the morning of D-Day plus 1 and "casualties" will be evacuated by the same planes that bring in air drops.

Real gunfire and bomb support from numerous naval vessels and Army Air Force planes will support the assault.

There has been a slight improvement in the riot situation throughout the country.

Calcutta municipal government's latest measure was the application of collective fines on whole districts where disturbances took place.

Central News.

Paris And London Draw In Rugby Encounter

Paris, Nov. 10. (UPI).—Paris and London drew, three points all, in the traditional inter-city Rugby Union match here this afternoon. All the scoring came in the first half.

There were plenty of thrills for the 7,000 spectators at the Parc des Princes ground and they saw London almost snatched victory when with a minute left of play, Davies just missed a drop goal.

In cold, but otherwise favourable conditions, Paris were somewhat lucky to take the lead four minutes from the start through a penalty goal by Chalney. Paris pressed strongly but the London defence held.

London fought back and equalised after 20 minutes through an unconverted try by Melver. The Paris backs were much faster and safer than the London backs, but the visiting forwards played excellently.

CANE FOR SNATCHER

For snatching a wrist watch from a woman, Ma Hon-sang, 18, was sentenced to a month and 12 strokes of the cane by Mr Sheldon at Central this morning.

Inspector Sow said the incident occurred at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday in Loughton Hill Road. The woman caught him and there was a struggle with both of them rolling on the ground. "Maj Dina" passed in a jeep and arrested Ma.

and were always dangerous.

Reuter.

SWITZERLAND WIN

Berne, Nov. 10.—Switzerland beat Austria 1-0 in the 19th Soccer International between the countries here to-day. Reuter.

SPECIAL
TIMES

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At 2.30, 5.00,
7.15 & 9.30 p.m.THE GREATEST EVENT IN 50 YEARS OF
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SHOWING TO-DAY AT 2.30, 5.15, 7.20 & 9.30 P.M.Screen Play by Robert Russell and Frank Ross; Richard Flanagan and Lewis R. Foster
Story by Robert Russell and Frank Ross

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TRULY GREAT DRAMA!
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with Roddy McDOWALL * Donald CRISP
and LASSIE, the Wonder Dog Star
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Charles BOYER, Jr.
"GASLIGHT"RAF Aid Indian
Famine Areas

In response to an urgent request from Sir Frederick Burrows, Governor of Bengal, Air Marshal Sir Roderick Carr, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, India, sent an aircraft to Calcutta to transport food grain to the famine stricken population in the Dacca and Chittagong areas. Service aircraft operating between Calcutta and Madras supported by aircraft from other areas were switched over to this new task. In consequence, the service airline between these centres was restricted pending completion of this operation. The India Command is also dropping supplies in another area. More than 300 tons of supplies are to be dropped by aircraft of the India Command to eleven units of the Assam Rifles garrisoned remote outposts on the north-east frontier of India.

The outposts, situated along the Assam, Tibet and Assam, China frontiers are entirely cut off from the rest of the world. The supplies which are being dropped must last the garrison six months, announces the Air Ministry in London.

The advent of air supply has eliminated the use of nearly 3,000 coolies each carrying a sixty pound pack who would have taken six months to do the job. One of the chief difficulties is the weather. In Assam November is usually the best month of the year for operations of this type. It will, however, be a fight against time as in the latter part of December the weather starts to deteriorate.

Synthetic Cosmic
Ray Production

The United States Navy has disclosed that it is constructing a 300,000-volt synchrotron to produce synthetic cosmic rays ultimately to split nuclear particles, says United Press.

Cyclotrons and betatrons operate in a range from 1,000,000 to 15,000,000 volts and will split atomic nuclei.

The 15-ton synchrotron, to be built like a race-track, will be completed within a year. Scientists intimated that negatively-charged particles that would cover 425,000 laps around the race-track—a distance of 2,320 miles—in one-eighth of a second, ultimately producing secondary cosmic ray particles called mesotrons.

NEW CHINESE STAMPS

Nanking, Nov. 10.—To commemorate the opening of the National Assembly, the Chinese Post Office will issue on Tuesday four kinds of special stamps each bearing a picture of the Assembly Hall. The stamps will be of NCS100 (red colour), \$50 (dark brown), \$30 (blue) and \$20 (green).—Central News.

ARGENTINE STRIKE ENDS

Buenos Aires, Nov. 10.—The strike of Argentine meat packers was settled early to-day when an agreement was reached between employers and workers, granting the workers increased wages and guaranteeing their jobs.

Work will be resumed on November 13.—Reuter.

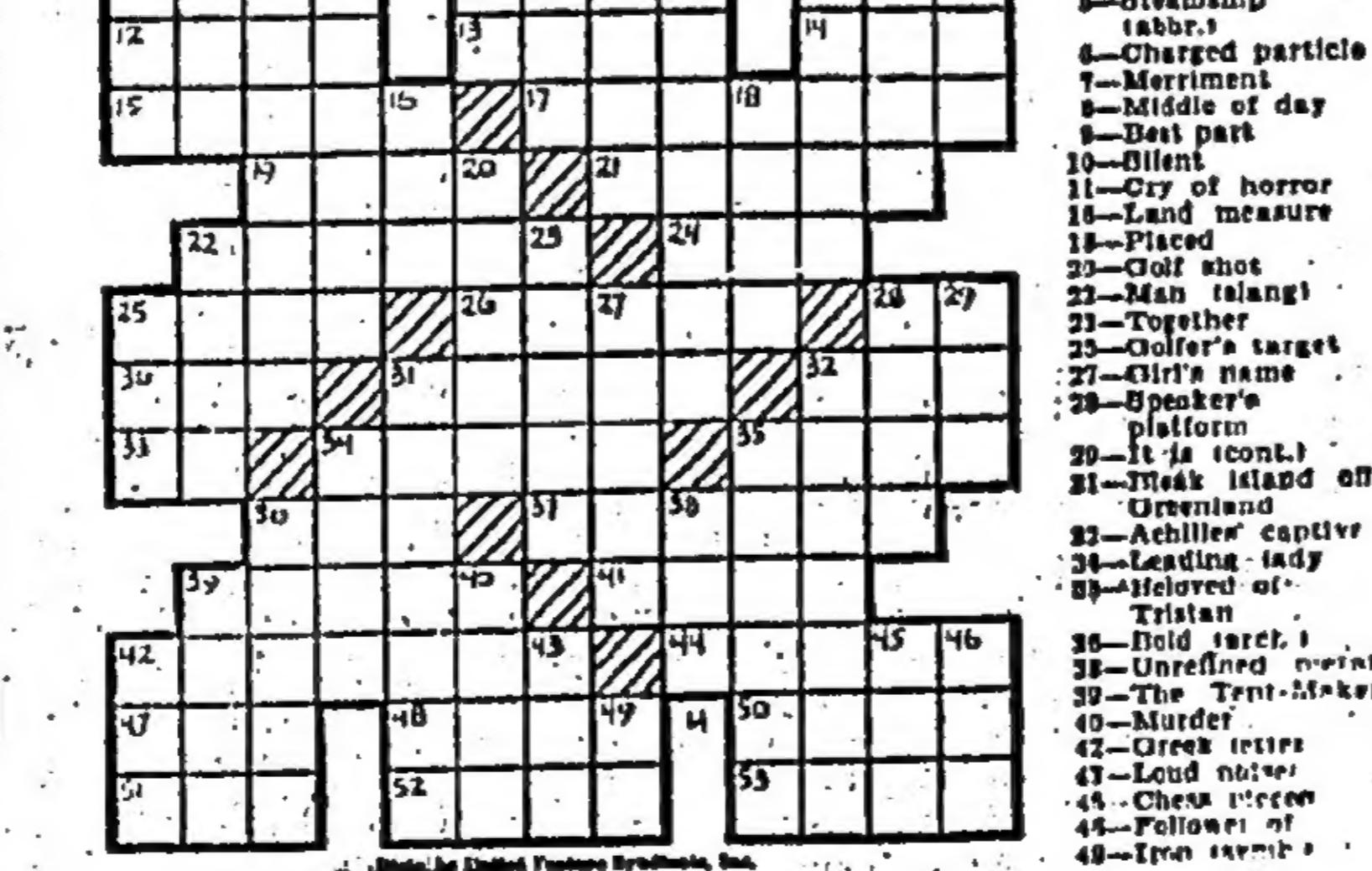
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Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1—Disagreeable
2—Invention
3—Bird
4—Bird's name
5—Atom
6—Aeroplane
7—Goddess
8—Primitive stone
9—Instrument
10—Giant
11—Growing fat
12—Orders
13—End life
14—Felt used as
fuel
15—Story by Homer
16—Prefab twice
17—Place in rest

18—Baseball—rookies
19—Tallant
20—Baseball stick
21—Night (abbr.)
22—Ode of the
Rainbow
23—Cleopatra
24—Positive
knowledge
25—Brilliant gems
26—Faint (abbr.)
27—Pleasant
28—Giant
29—Fragrant resin
30—Favor
31—Course of feeding
32—Accomplishment
33—Unit of force
34—Fuel
35—Prefab twice
36—Place in rest

37—Famed uncle
38—Number
39—Dirt
40—Steamship
41—Gated particle
42—Middle of day
43—Dust part
44—Cry of horror
45—Lend measure
46—Placed
47—Man's shot
48—Man's island
49—Together
50—Giant's target
51—Speaker's platform
52—Mark island on
Greenland
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NANCY Rhyme with Reason

NANCY—LISTEN TO
DIS NEW SONG I
JUST WROTE

I SHOULD'VE KNOWN
OUR LOVE HAS FLOWN
YOUR HEART IS STONE,
YOU WERE MY OWN.

WHEN I'M ALONE
I WANNA PHONE,
I WANNA GROAN,
I WANNA MOAN.

I WANNA CONE

ERNE BUSHMILLER

British Scientific
Initiative

Practical examples of scientific and commercial initiative are the best proof of Britain's progress in peace-time production.

Among many such examples there is the British rayon industry, where the production of filament yarn has reached 90 per cent. of pre-war production, with staple output even better. Then there is the construction of a 10,000-ton whaler factory ship, Balaena, the first ship of its kind to be fitted with aircraft for whale-spotting and weather reconnaissance. Its factory contains one of the largest oil-producing plants ever installed in a ship, and there is elaborate plant for dealing with by-products.

Again, wide interest has been aroused by the recent announcement of the British discovery of a new man-made textile fibre, "Terylene," the new product, differs from all other fibres so far produced, whether natural or man-made, and the clothing industry may be revolutionised by this new fibre, which may take its place with nylon as one of the outstanding synthetic discoveries of the time.

A new chemical process—Petrocation—promises to make an important contribution to Petroleum technology in Britain, and will provide a new source of derivatives widely used in the chemical industry.

563 Nazis To Stand Mass
Trial by French in Rastatt

Paris, Nov. 9 (UP)—The U.S. Army authorities to-day delivered 663 Nazis, all ex-members of the administrative corps of German concentration camps, to the French Government at Rastatt for the mass trial to start next week in the all-French war criminal trials.

The defendants include camp commanders: doctors, male and female nurses and Gestapo and SS men who will be specifically charged with the death of at least 23,000 concentration camp victims.

SYNTHETIC PENICILLIN

The magazine Science, published by the American Association for the Advancement of Science, in an article by Dr Vincent du Vigneaud and a group of collaborators at Cornell University Medical College, reports the discovery of a method to synthesise penicillin; thus the door is now open for the preparation of penicillin—perhaps to provide weapons against tuberculosis, typhus, malaria and the common cold.

The article said the discovery may develop a new type to remain longer in the body, overcoming the present handicap in the fact that the body eliminates the drug over-fast for good therapeutic results, says United Press.

CHINESE NAVY TRAINING

Shanghai, Nov. 9 (UP)—A party of 600 men of the Chinese Navy is sailing to-morrow (Sunday) aboard Empress of Australia for England for training.

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U.S. Overseas Broadcasting Difficulties

U.S. State Department attempts to explain the American way of life to Russia and the Balkans are being hindered, officials have admitted, by the difficulty in establishing U.S. Radio facilities abroad.

France already has requested abandonment of American broadcasting facilities in North Africa, and some other European Governments have been reported similarly opposed to providing sites for U.S. transmitters, after United Press.

The State Department hopes to launch its Russian broadcasts shortly. It was learned. Inability to obtain necessary relay transmitters in Europe makes this difficult, but not impossible, officials said.

France has asked the U.S. Government to dispose of its three powerful transmitters operated in Algiers since the Allied invasion of 1942, asserting that their continued operation can no longer be justified as a war measure.

The transmitters, along with leased facilities of the British Broadcasting Corporation in London, are the sole means now available to relay into Europe American news, editorial comment and musical programmes. The present broadcasting schedules include a minimum of hourly duty programs to the European countries but Russia. The purpose is to acquaint the world better with American views and ideas.

The Algiers stations, from which encouragement was beamed to resistance groups throughout Europe in pre-invasion days, probably will be transferred to French control, by sale or otherwise, the State Department has said. Thereafter the U.S. Government may lease broadcasting time over the facilities.

Officials said the opposition to establishment of American radio facilities abroad was based primarily on fears that it would breach the sovereign rights of the nations concerned. In addition, some countries reportedly fear that such action may align them too closely with the American point of view and incur Russian displeasure.

A further difficulty is that Russia, through an earlier international agreement, controls many of the desirable standard broadcasting frequencies.

State Department plans for its Russian broadcasts call for daily hour of objective news reports, literature, music and other cultural expressions. Broadcasting times later would be lengthened.

Difficulty in setting up transmitters to relay programmes originated in this country may be solved by placing them within the American occupation zone of Germany. Such location, it has been said, might enable broadcasters on standard wavelengths which are more readily heard than those over short-wave channels.

SHINTOISM SUPPORT

TOKYO, Nov. 10.—Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters have directed the Japanese Government "to take appropriate action" to stop associations from collecting funds for Shinto shrines, following complaints that local bodies are continuing to violate the Headquarters' previous directive, abolishing official support of Shintoism.—State worship of the Emperor.—Reuter.

NOTICE

BUILDING FOR SALE.

The undersigned is prepared to receive on behalf of the Owners Tenders for the purchase of No. 10 Ice House Street, Sec. A of M. L. 2A.

Permits to inspect the building may be obtained from the undersigned during office hours.

Tenders should be addressed to the undersigned at their offices in a sealed cover endorsed "Tender for Purchase of No. 10 Ice House Street" and should be delivered not later than twelve noon on the 23rd November next.

The highest or any Tender will not necessarily be accepted.

Dated the 25th October, 1946.

JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER, Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Bldg., 4th Floor, Hong Kong.

NOTICE

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

A Requiem Mass will be said at St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road, on Tuesday, November 12th, at 9.00 a.m., for the repose of the souls of Reverend Brother Almar, former Director of St. Joseph's College, Reverend Brother Peter, members of the staff, and pupils who died during the Battle or subsequent occupation of Hong Kong. All friends of the College will be welcome.

THE DIRECTOR.

I Set Out Across "Meatless America"

by C. V. R. THOMPSON

RED OAK (Iowa).

IN the thirteen years that I have been stationed in New York someone has reminded me at least once a week that New York is not really America.

A few days ago my post-war dream car was unexpectedly delivered to me. And so I turned that car into a moving news bureau—to report on the real America.

With my typewriter and a fat bundle of cable blanks, I travelled away from the skyscrapers, the Wall-street ticker tape, the lights of Broadway, the glamour girls and the tired business men. Six days later I have reached Red Oak, Iowa, in the heart of America's Middle West.

The Middle West, you know, is that mysterious region that Washington always blames when it does not want to do something that Whitehall wants it to do.

Chicago is the metropolis of the Middle West. I missed Chicago, I missed it, first, because it takes nearly a day to drive through it.

Second, I find I am inclined to get a wrong impression of the Middle West by reading that anti-British Chicago newspaper which is now in the midst of a campaign to convince its 1,000,000 readers that Monty came here to drag America into a third world war.

Third, I discovered that the meat famine brought on by the return of Government control is so serious, even in the meat capital, that the Saddle and Sirloin Club faced at this week's luncheon a menu of scrambled eggs.

There is really no mystery about the disappearance of meat from the dinner tables of one of the world's greatest meat-producing nations.

In The Pastures

THE meat is in the pastures of the agricultural Middle West, on the ranges of the ranching Far West. It is getting fatter and fatter on one of the country's largest maize crops.

Heavier animals mean higher prices. Later—especially if price controls go. And there is an additional reason why there is so little meat to go round. Never have so many Americans had so much money to buy so few roasts and steaks.

In little restaurants on small-town main streets there are now three Fridays in every week. Haddock and cod, shrimp and lobster dinner plates throughout the land.

In the heart of the Middle West, which is not Chicago, but a small town like this one, with white houses finished in weather-boarding, a tree-lined main street paved with red brick, and all dominated by a stockyard or a grain elevator beside

MY DREAM CAR . . .

Cost (including radio, heater and windshield cleaning gadget) . . . £525
Size . . . 6-seater
Speed . . . 85 m.p.h.
Petrol . . . 18 m.p.g.
Windows, driver's seat adjusted electrically.

the railway, they do not seem any more anti-British than the people of, let us say, Taunton are anti-American.

I have done a lot of talking in these all-alike small towns, and a great deal more listening.

No one mentioned the war debts that are supposed to be their top reason for dislikes Britain. No one talked about Britain dragging them into the war we are all supposed to have won.

Actually I would say that to-day New York is more anti-British than the Middle West. Indeed, you hear people round these parts saying that if you want to be rude to a Middle Westerner you call him an isolationist.

The Good Earth

ALL that breaks the flatness of the land—which looks like Essex multiplied by at least a thousand—are the mountains of wheat already harvested and waiting to be hauled away, and the forests of maize yet unharvested. Everywhere you go there is good, rich earth and blazing sunshine.

The world's troubles, so much on top of me in New York, seem so far away. Everything seems far away, even the next house.

And yet the people who live in this region are not away from it all any more. There is probably nothing more parochial in the world than the average American newspaper. Multiply that ten-fold and you have the average American small-town newspaper.

Yet in the newspapers that have taken the place of the New York Times beside my coffee cup I find far more space given to what Stalin has said, what is happening in Paris, Churchill's United States of Europe plan, the rights and wrongs—mostly wrongs—of Henry Wallace, than to local political campaign, the divorces, the murder in the next county, the forthcoming pumpkin festival.

And when I have met these people either at the local coffee shop, soda fountain, or local pub, they have talked mostly of these same problems, and I have felt out of place for not being as well posted as they.

In the past few days I have travelled through three vast States—Indiana, Illinois, and now Iowa—but I might have been moving on a mile-long treadmill.

Miles of Prairie

THE only break in the miles and miles of prairie came the night I stopped at Peoria in Illinois.

I picked Peoria because I know the name so well. Perhaps that was because I had seen it on so many bottles. For Peoria is America's top distilling centre. They even make fake Scotch there with such names as Royal Banquet, Highland Plaid, Twelve Kilts and so forth.

Well, Peoria smelled nearly as badly as its Scotch.

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